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SUBJ: ALLEGED SHOOTING INCIDENT INVOLVING F/V SACRFICE

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1. REF A IS FURTHER SITREP ON ALLEGED SHOOTING INCIDENT BETWEEN CUBAN-AMERICAN VESSEL AND BAHAMIAN MARINE POLICE BOAT. FISHING CAPTAIN'S ALLEGATION IS THAT HE WAS POACHING WITHIN THE BAHAMIAN CFZ, WAS ACCOSTED BY GCOB MARINE POLICE, FLED INTO WHAT CAPTAIN SAYS WAS INTERNATIONAL WATERS, WAS PURSUED BY POLICE AND WAS FIRED UPON BEFORE ELUDING THEM.

2. LOCAL NASSAU NEWSPAPER EVENING OF DECEMBER 13 CARRIED STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO GCOB MINEXTAFF SPOKESMAN DENYING CAPTAIN'S ALLEGATION. "THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE REPORT", SPOKESMAN QUOTED.

3. CONTRARY TO STATEMENT QUOTED PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED "OFF THE RECORD" THAT MARINE POLICE NOW ACKNOWLEDGE.

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EDGE A SHOOTING INCIDENT DID TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 7 INVOLVING

F/V SACRIFICE. POLICE REPORT CURRENTLY BEING COMPILED AND DETAILS UNAVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH MARINE POLICE CHIEF MAJOR INDICATES POLICE FIRED TWO SHOTS "ACROSS" SACRIFICE'S BOW WHEN IT FAILED TO HEAVE TO. MAJOR IS FURIOUS THAT SKIPPER OF POLICE BODAT NO. 2 FAILED TO FILE REPORT WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER INCIDENT (SKIPPER WAS REPORTEDLY IN MAIMI LAST WEEK ATTENDING HIS DAUGHTER'S WEDDING), AND POLICE COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, WHO HAS NOTORIOUS TEMPER, IS EVEN ANGRIER AND VOWING THAT "HEADS WILL ROLL".

4. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD DETAILS OF POLICE REPORT AS RECEIVED ASAP.

5. LOCAL MEDIA WIDELY PLAYING WEEKEND BOMBING OF BAHAMAS CRUISE LINE OFFICES IN MIAMI BY ALLEGED ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN ELEMENTS. NOTE: BAHAMAS CRUISE LINES IS PRIVATE CORPORATION UNAFFILIATED WITH GCOB. MEDIA SPECULATING THAT BOMBING IS IN "RETAILIATION" FOR GCOB TREATMENT OF POACHERS, AS WELL AS RECENT DECISION TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AND SPECIFICALLY FOR DECEMBER 7 INCIDENT. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES TO DATE FROM GCOB ON MIAMI BOMBING. GROENEWEG

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